Bi-weekly Dispensary at Poonjar.

340 *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of patients who have attended the bi-weekly dispensary at Poonjar in the year 1120; and

(*b*) the distance from the bi-weekly dispensary to the nearest Government hospitals?

DR. S. JOHN (*a*): 8420, till the end of Mithunam 1120.

(*b*) The nearest Government Hospital is at Lalom which is eleven miles away.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know the total number of bi-weekly dispensaries in the State?

DR. S. JOHN: About a dozen.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know from the honourable member whether any one of them was converted into a full time dispensary during this year?

DR. S. JOHN: No.

Dispensary at Malayinkeezhu.

341 *MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government Dispensary at Malayinkeezhu has been shifted to Karode;

(*b*) whether there is not a Government Dispensary at Peyadu near Karode; and

(*c*) the distance between Malayinkeezhu and Karode and that between Peyadu and Karode?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) It was ordered to be shifted to Karode but subsequently Government have sanctioned that dispensary being shifted back to Malayinkeezhu.

(*b*) Yes, there is a temporary malaria dispensary at Peyadu which is two to three miles south of Karode;

(*c*) Approximately three to four miles; and two to three miles.

Optician in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum.

342. *MR. P. M. VARGHESE (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is an Optician in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Trivandrum; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are the terms on which he is entertained?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A statement showing the conditions on which he has been engaged is laid on the table.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: May I know from the honourable member when the appointment was made.

DR. S. JOHN: About four years ago.

MR. P. M. VARUGHESE: The appointment of an optician was made four years ago?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

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MR. P. M. VARUGHESE: Was there a Gazette notification last month inviting applicants for the post?

DR. S. JOHN: Yes.

MR. P. M. VARUGHESE: Was the appointment made after the Gazette notification?

DR. S. JOHN: It was made long ago.

PRESIDENT There was an optician who was functioning in the ophthalmic hospital for years. Recently certain representations were made that it was becoming a kind of monopoly and they were asking that other people should also have a chance. Therefore a notification was published and we are waiting to see what response would come.

Doctors volunteering in the Medical department.

343 *MR. P. S. GOPALA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of doctors volunteering in the Medical department;

(*b*) their names and qualifications:

(*c*) the number of years they are volunteering; and

(*d*) the amount spent as honorarium?

DR. S. JOHN: (*a*) Three.

(*b*) 1. Mrs. E. Chandy, L. S. M. F.
2. Miss. A. Joseph, L. S. M. F.
3. Mrs. Thressiamma Verghese, L. M. P.

(*c*) Number 1 has been volunteering for more than two years and numbers 2 and 3 have not completed one year of volunteering;

(*d*) Volunteers are not paid any honorarium.

Construction of a bridge at Punnackal Chungom.

344 *MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state.

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the intense traffic across the Punnackal Chungom ferry (S. E. Boundary of Kottayam town); and

(*b*) whether they are aware that with the completion of Muttambalam paper mills the traffic over the ferry will become much more intense?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Ranni-Valayath du bridge

345 *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when was the first estimate for constructing Ranni-Valayathodu bridge prepared and what was the estimated amount;

(*b*) when was the estimate prepared last and what was the amount;

(*c*) how many times the estimates were revised between the first estimate and the last estimate; and

(*d*) the reasons for putting off the construction of the bridge

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Appendix I.

Vide **answer to Question No. 327.**

Statement A. Tariff value.

		Rs.	As.	
Teak I class	...	10	0	per c. ft.
Do. II class	...	7	8	do.
Do. III class	...	4	8	do.
Irul	...	3	8	do.
Thempavu	....	4	0	do.
Maruthy	....	3	4	do.
Venteak	...	3	4	do.
Anjili	...	4	0	do.
Firewood	...	6	0	per ton.

Statement B. Average auction sale rates, obtained in Mudical and Varapuzha depots during 1120.

		Rs.	As.	
Teak I class	...	5	15	per c. ft.
Do. II class	...	4	5	do.
Do. III class	...	2	14	do.
Irul	...	4	5	do.
Thempavu	...	3	11	do.
Anjili	...	2	11	do.
Maruthy	....	3	10	do.
Venteak	...	3	7	do.

Appendix II.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 342.**

Statement showing the conditions on which the present optician in the Ophthalmic Hospital has been engaged.

1. His prices should stand in favourable comparison with those of any other Firm.

2. He should hold a good stock of un-cut glasses and variety of frames.

3. He should have under him an experienced cutter and grinder so that he may be able to dispense any kind of prescription from his stock without sending them out to Madras and other distant places.

4. He should be prepared to supply Cataract Glasses and simple Spherical or Cylindrical lenses to those whom the Medical Officer in charge certifies to be absolutely poor.

5. He should supply the hospital with all the apparatus and appliances necessary for refraction and testing. These should be correct to the specifications given by the Medical Officer in charge. He should also be prepared to replace any or all of them by later models whenever the Surgeon General thinks it necessary. It is also his duty to see that these things are kept clean and tidy every morning before the hospital work commences.

6. He should subject himself to the discipline of the Hospital.

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